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ENHANCED MALARIA CONTROL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented a modified plan of operation to control malaria in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the States and cities where Enhanced Malaria Control Project has been in operation; and

(d) the extent to which said plan has been able to achieve its objectives so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. The modified plan of operation (MPO) was launched in 1977 with the objectives:-

(i) Prevention of deaths due to malaria;

(ii) Reduction of morbidity due to malaria;

(iii) Maintenance of industrial and green revolution and retention of the achievements gained.

The programme was integrated with primary health care delivery system.

(c) The Enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) under support from World Bank was operationalized in eight States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Orissa, covering a total of 100 districts in these States. To sustain the ongoing malaria control activities beyond 2005 in the above States, World bank has provided retroactive financing till implementation of the phase-II programme.

(d) The implementation of Modified Plan of Operation (MPO) in 1977 has resulted decline in malaria cases from 6.4 million cases in the year 1976 to 1.67 million cases in the year 2006 & 1.36 million malaria cases in 2007. The annual reported deaths due to malaria in the country is around 1000 cases. To sustain the achievement by MPO, the following steps have been initiated under National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme.

improving access to diagnosis & treatment

scaling up the use of integrated vector control measures

use of insecticide treated nets (ITNs)

institutional strengthening through decentrilzation and training

awareness generation and social mobilization through IEC activities and

strengthening Management Information System (MIS)